

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date January 17, 2003

In re the Application of

Pascal GAUTHIER

Application No.: 10/075,450

Filed: February 15, 2002

For: A DRIVE ELEMENT SUCH AS A DRIVING WHEEL OR A HOISTING WINCH, THE
ELEMENT COMPRISING A SYNCHRONOUS MOTOR



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Group Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: T. Lam

Docket No.: 111978

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TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired January 2, 2003, an extension of time for a period of one month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 138187 in the amount of \$110 in payment for:

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Respectfully submitted,

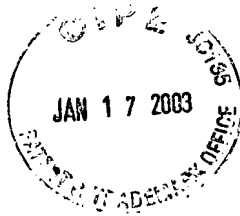
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the October 2, 2002 Office Action, the period for reply effectively extended by a one-month Petition for Extension of Time to February 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1, 12 and 16 as follows:

1. (Amended) A driving wheel element, comprising:

a wheel; and

an electric motor for rotating the wheel, wherein the electric motor is a synchronous motor having a stator comprising teeth deprived of pole shoes and respectively individual windings on said teeth and a permanent-magnet flux-concentrating rotor comprising pole pieces and magnets disposed radially between the pole pieces.

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